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TUESDAY EVENING.

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THE KAISER  
PLAYS HIS  
LAST CARDEngland Regards Germany's  
Submarine Blockade OrderAs the Beginning of the End of  
the Great War.

WILL MARK HER OWN DOOM

The Sinking of Trading Ships  
Carrying PassengersWill Bring Down Vengeance of  
the Civilized World.

DESIGNED TO SAVE HIS FACE

Move Is for Purpose of Involving  
United States.Could Not Be Expected to Fight  
the World.

London, Feb. 16.—England awaits the coming of "der tog" with supreme confidence. Officialdom generally accepts the enforcement of the German submarine blockade, which commences on Thursday, as indicating the "beginning of the end." It is felt that this will be Germany's last great blow. Her Zeppelins having failed to come up to expectation and her fleet being forced to remain impotent behind her closely guarded land fortifications, the last weapon available is her great fleet of submarines. And the British admiralty very calmly declares that the precautions already taken will absolutely nullify any undersea raid that may be attempted.

There is not a single official of either the army or navy who believes that Germany will mark her own doom the moment her submarines unleash their torpedoes at merchantmen carrying passengers. They declare the civilized world will not view with equanimity the sending to the bottom of trading ships with their crews and passengers unharmed and unable to save themselves.

There is no disputing this belief. All of the British newspapers echo it. It was openly expressed on the floor of the house of commons. Moreover, in his declaration of war, the British enemy was ready. Winston Churchill, speaking for the admiralty, intimated that it was possible the British sea forces would act before the Germans strike.

A Real Blockade.

It is considered certain today in the light of this speech, that the combined British, French and Russian fleet will enforce what is likely to prove the

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## PLAYED WITH BILL

Jitney Methods in House Ruined  
Topeka Boulevard Plan.Jones of Meade Couldn't Keep  
Hands Off Bird Measure.

Badly battered, the Bird bill, providing for a system of playgrounds, parks and boulevards in the city of Topeka, passed the house today on third reading. In the meantime, the force of the bill crippled the measure and caused the insertion of a number of amendments that removed much of the effect of the proposed law.

Jones of Meade county was among the members who took especial delight in suggesting damaging amendments to the Bird bill. Of course, there are no boulevard systems in Meade county and the provisions of the bill made it applicable only to Topeka and Shawnee county. But that didn't concern Mr. Jones. He just couldn't keep off his feet. He felt that someone's rights were being trampled under foot and he proceeded to do some legislation for a district that was not concerned in his election or presence in the legislature. It was purely a William Allen White personification of a "jitney legislature."

"The bill is badly damaged in its present form and of little value to the city," said Bird. "Perhaps the senate will amend the bill and make it more effective. If not, we must look to the next legislature for the relief desired."

## BIRDS GIVE BATTLE WARNING.

London, Feb. 16.—Folks on the East Coast have no need of look-out to warn them of a battle in the North sea. Even when they can not hear the gun-firing they have auguries of the battle in the pheasants. In which the country thereabout abounds. Hours before the people of London were aware of it, many East Coast residents knew there had been an engagement on the morning of Sunday, January 24. Almost immediately firing had begun. The pheasants made a great stir and fuss, and those old residents able to read signs realized that the sensitive birds were aware of distant cannonading. Similar demonstrations by the birds had been made on previous occasions. Pheasants elsewhere along the coast have displayed the same uneasiness during naval engagements. Their sensitive organism catches the faintest distant tremors, when the human ear is not disturbed.

REDRAFT OF COMPENSATION  
BILL BY HOUSE COMMITTEE"Snitch" Lawyer Is Eliminated From  
Consideration in Measure.Injured Laborers Given All Benefits of  
Proposed Act.

## SCHEDULES FOR LOSSES

Amounts of Damages to Parts of  
Body Provided in Bill."Best Law in Force in Union When  
Enacted," Is Promise.

Members of the house labor committee today virtually completed their redraft of the Travis workmen's compensation bill and will offer a committee bill strengthening a number of provisions in the present law. The basic principle of the new bill will be to give to the injured employee or his dependents all of the benefits under the act and to eliminate the "snitch" lawyer from consideration under the new bill.

A half dozen vitally important new provisions will be incorporated in the committee bill. Many of the features included in the Travis bill, introduced last week, will be included in the bill, but the measure will be even more far-reaching than the measure proposed by the member from Allen county. It is probable that the redrafted bill will be ready for introduction late today or Wednesday morning. Introduction of original bills ceased Monday night, but committee bills will be received until February 20.

In extending the provisions of the present law, the labor committee will provide that individuals or corporations not engaged in hazardous or dangerous occupations may elect to come under the act and take advantage of its provisions. Schedules for partial or permanent injuries—similar to the schedules under a bill by Speaker Stone—will be included in the new act. This schedule will be based on fifty per cent of the wages earned for varied periods. Thus for loss of an arm, an employee will be entitled to receive fifty per cent of his full wages for a period of 200 weeks. Schedules will include loss of an arm, leg, eye, hand, finger, toe or other member.

The "snitch" lawyer will be effectively eliminated from consideration under the committee bill and provision will be made for the payment of all claims to the injured employee or his dependent family.

Medical attention will be provided under the bill. The measure will provide for the payment of not more than \$150 medical fees, covering a period of not more than sixty days.

The new bill will be the best compensation act in force in any state in the Union," said Travis today, in discussing provisions of the committee bill.

## PLOCK IS LOST.

Russians in Poland Retreating  
Before German Advance.Are Pursued Across the Border  
of East Prussia.

London, Feb. 16.—German forces have captured the important Polish town of Plock, the Berlin war office announced today. Plock lies on the Vistula, northwest of Warsaw, and the Russians pushed their advance far beyond their movement against the West Prussian border, which apparently has now been ended. Not only Plock, but the town of Bielsk is said to have been lost by the Russians. In East Prussia, the Berlin communications state, the advance of the Germans continues and the Russians have been pursued across the border.

It is expected in London that tonight or tomorrow England will proclaim the cutting off of all foodstuffs from Germany in retaliation for Germany's declaration that the waters surrounding the British Isles constituted a war zone.

## CLOSE TO SPRING.

Weather Man Sees No Bad Temperatures  
in Sight for Topeka.

It was again a case of March temperature and March sunshine today. The minimum temperature at 6 o'clock this morning—28—was eight degrees above normal. There was a southerly wind which caused a rapid rise this morning. The temperature at 9 o'clock was 35.

The forecast calls for a continuance of the fair weather tonight and Wednesday with a rise in temperature. The shippers' forecast urges the protection of 36 hour shipments in all directions of temperature of not lower than 30 degrees.

The stage of the Kaw river today was the highest since September 18—7.2 feet. It is the first time that it has been above normal since last October. A drop is expected soon unless there is further precipitation in northern Kansas. The normal stage for this month is 6.6 feet.

The temperature was 12 degrees above normal today. The wind was 10 miles an hour from the south this afternoon. There was sunshine from the Mississippi river almost to the Pacific coast.

The hourly readings:  
7 o'clock.....29 11 o'clock.....48  
8 o'clock.....31 12 o'clock.....44  
9 o'clock.....33 1 o'clock.....52  
10 o'clock.....39 2 o'clock.....56

## PROBE FLOUR COST.

New York Looking After Criminal  
Conspiracy in State Prices.

New York, Feb. 16.—Meyer Nussbaum, referee for the state, was ready today to begin hearing witnesses in the inquiry to determine whether the increased cost of wheat flour and bread is due to a criminal conspiracy in violation of the state law.

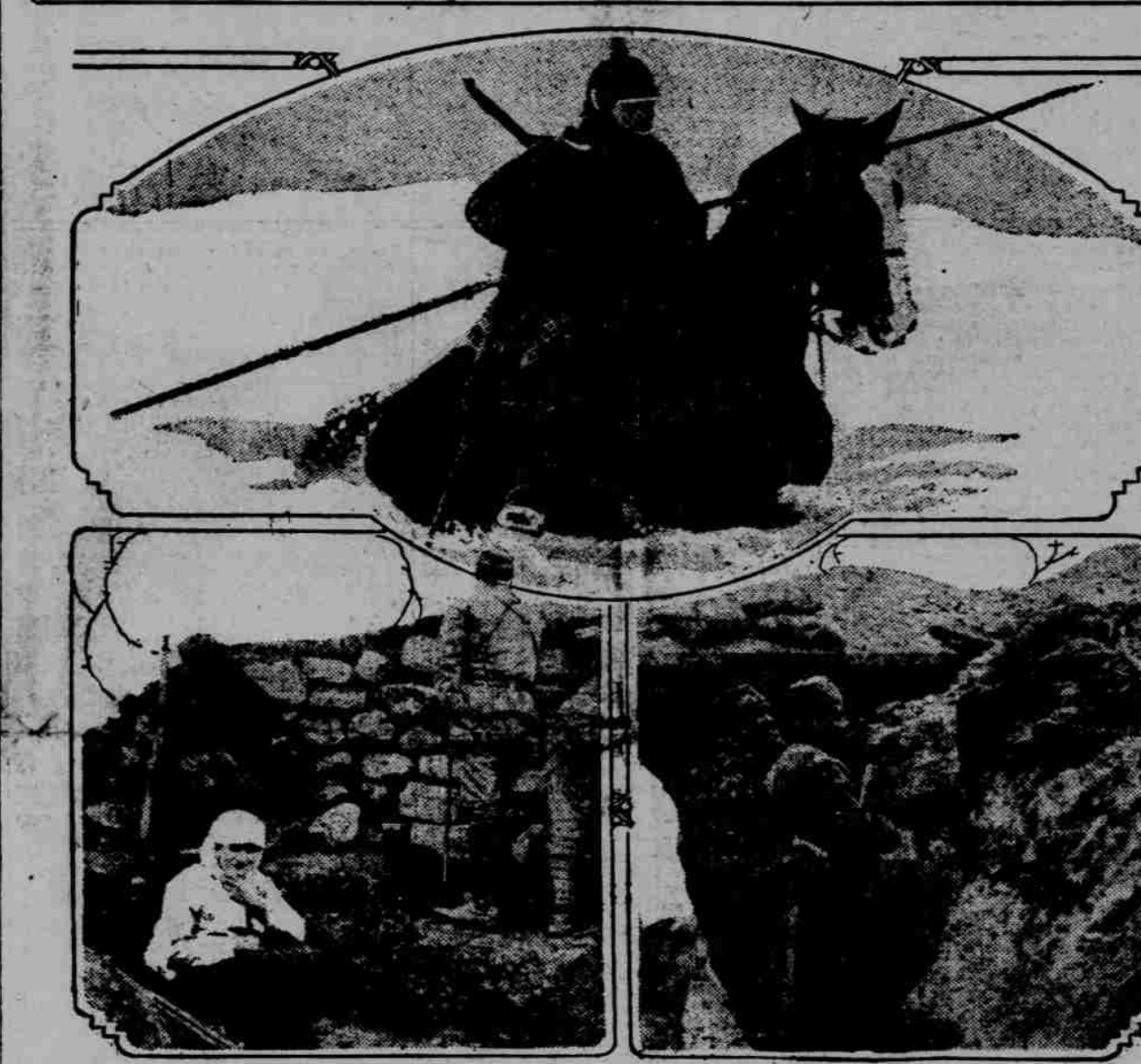
CHARGES CRAFT  
AT K. C. YARDSSenator Smith Introduces Dra-  
matic Bill to Stop It.An Abuse of the "Shrinkage"  
Practice Is Claimed.

## SHIPPERS LOSE THOUSANDS

Stock Is Not Weighed for Hours  
After Being Sold.Declares Yards Are Run in In-  
terest of Buyers.

To head off an alleged graft at the Kansas City stock yards by which cattle buyers "shrink" \$20,000 a day off

## GLIMPSES OF THE WAR IN POLAND, MONTENEGRO AND FRANCE



These pictures, just received from Europe, afford glimpses of the war on widely separated fields. At the top is seen a German lancer caught in a snow drift in Poland. At the lower left is a Montenegrin woman who has brought cigarettes to Montenegrin soldiers in the trenches. Photo at the lower right shows French Zouaves officers in a captured German trench, and the body of a dead German soldier.

the values of beef shipped to that market before it is put on the scales to be weighed, Senator L. M. Mahin of Smith county, has introduced a drastic measure to enforce the immediate weighing of animals when sold.

That the abuse of the "shrinkage" practice has grown to enormous proportions since the fire which destroyed part of the yards last summer, is the assertion made by the author of the bill, who visited the yards while gathering data in its preparation. Since the fire, says Mahin, the stock yards company has failed to put in operation more than half of the scales which were in use before that destruction so that where they were inadequately equipped, it is now impossible to weigh animals sold for slaughter for many hours, after the sale has been concluded.

Mahin's bill requires that every animal sold must be weighed within two

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## WIN WITH ENGINES

Locomotives Are Secret of  
French Successes, Says Joffre.Remarkable Interview With  
Head of Army of France.

Paris, Feb. 16.—By far the most thrilling document published since the war began is an interview with General Joffre giving his views of military operations from the battle of Charleroi to the French reverse at Soissons. The interview was obtained by his life-long friend, Paul Huard.

General Joffre's barely furnished room 12 feet square, containing three armchairs and tables, Huard and the commander-in-chief threw themselves into each other's arms in a Gallic embrace of life-long intimates.

"After the preliminary greetings," Huard writes, "I turned the conversation to military operations and Joffre expressed his utmost confidence in final victory. He had told me the same thing the very day war was declared. Now my mind went back to the anxious hours of the Germans' overwhelming march on Paris and to the defeat of Charleroi, which

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Will Let Rumania Alone.

Milan, Feb. 16.—The Italian government, as the result of reports that Austria was about to invade Rumania, says the Corriere della Sera, has asked the governments at Vienna and Berlin to give assurances that no attack will be made on Rumania.

TAKE UP STATE FAIR BILLS  
IN APPROPRIATION MEASURESpecial Order on 36 Proposals in  
House This Afternoon.Several of Largest Budgets Come Un-  
der Vote of Legislators.

## DIFFERENCE OF MILLION

Senate and House Do Not Agree on  
Amount To Be Spent.Institutions of Size Over State Includ-  
ed in Allowances.

Under a special order, the house this afternoon took up the consideration of 36 appropriation bills recommended for passage by the house ways and means committee. The bills under consideration at the afternoon session concern appropriations for the big state charitable institutions, the state fairs at Topeka and Hutchinson, the penal institutions and a number of minor appropriations.

It is the desire of the state admin-

istration to have the bills passed

before the adjournment of the session

on Wednesday.

The bills are as follows:

1. For the support of the state

penal institutions, \$1,000,000.

2. For the support of the state

charitable institutions, \$1,000,000.

3. For the support of the state

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ON TO TIPPERARY  
FOR A TOPEKANCall of British Arms Too Much  
for Tom F. Hayter.Claims His Wife in Complaint  
to Court Today.

## DESERTED FAMILY, SHE SAYS

Asks Officials to Halt His  
Charge on Germans."Tommy Atkins" Came From  
Wales—He's Gone Now.

Because, according to information placed in the hands of county officials, it is believed by his wife that he has

left her to join the Allied armies of

Europe to help fight the Germans,

complaint charging Thomas Francis

Hayter, a Welshman, with neglecting

to provide for and support his wife

and two children, Evan, age 4, and

Walter, age 10, has been sworn out in

the county attorney's office.

The Hayter family came to this

country from Wales, England, about

a year ago, and came to Topeka. Ac-

cording to county officials, Mrs. Hay-

ter told them that for the last two or

three months Hayter has been despon-

dent over the fact that he was unable

to obtain employment. She said that

he had talked often of going back

to England and joining the army

since the war began.

She told officials that Hayter had

left home recently and told her that

he was going to Holton. She says that

she believes that he went to Kansas

City to report to the British consul and

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## SUE FOR \$30,000

Topeka Daily Capital Defend-  
ant in Libel by L. E. Bishop.Moving Picture Man Says Tulsa  
Incident Damaged Him.

Arthur Capper, governor, and publisher of the Topeka Daily Capital, and Harry C. Green, city editor of the same publication, are defendants in a suit for libel filed in the Shawnee county district court today by an attorney for L. E. Bishop. Bishop asks damages in the amount of \$30,000 by reason of an alleged libelous statement published in the Topeka Capital February 3, 1915.

The article stated that Bishop had been arrested in Tulsa, Okla., and was being brought to Topeka by Hugh Larimer, undersheriff, on the supposition that he was the guilty party in a hold-up and indecent assault upon a young couple near Willow Park. Bishop contends that he was never placed in the arrest and that he accompanied Larimer to Topeka of his own free will.

Arriving in Topeka Bishop had no difficulty whatever in proving beyond the least doubt that he was innocent of the act of which he was suspected.

The petition states that he was engaged in the moving picture business in Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and enjoyed a good reputation before the publication of the article. He asks \$20,000 for actual damages and \$10,000 punitive damages. R. E. Garnett, of Kansas City, is attorney for Bishop.

## BOMB ON A BALL

Two of Sofia's Aristocracy Are  
Killed in Bulgarian Capital.Explosion Among Members  
Most Exclusive Society.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Two members of Sofia's aristocracy are reported to have been killed and ten others injured when a bomb was exploded last night at a masked ball attended by representatives of the most exclusive society of the Bulgarian capital. Ad-

vicees received here state that those killed were the son of a former war minister and a daughter of the present war minister.

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TOPEKA JITNEY CARS CARRY  
2,400 PERSONS OPENING DAY"Motors Are Here to Stay," Says Man-  
ager Raymond Wells.Today's Business Was Heavy for  
Nickel Carriers in City.

## ASK FOR COLLEGE SERVICE

Five Hundred Property Owners Would  
Have Cars on Hill.Good Market Has Developed for Sec-  
ond Hand Machines.

The Topeka jitney cars carried 2,400 people on their opening day, Monday. Raymond Wells, the manager, was optimistic over the result and says that the jitneys in Topeka are here to stay.

Today's business was heavy. A considerable number of property owners from the College Hill district called on Wells this morning and asked for regular service for that part of the city. They promised to have a petition signed by 500 property owners who will agree to use jitney service. The management of the jitneys is taking the proposition under advisement.

"There are scores of old automobiles in Topeka," said Mr. Wells today, "whose owners want to dispose of them and cannot do it. They can loan us the use of the car and we will be able to furnish capable drivers and I believe it will be a good investment for all parties concerned."

## The Telephone Plan.

The Topeka jitney service will be entirely different in many respects from jitneys over the country. One of these is in the telephone calls. A call to the headquarters at the Grand theater in the day time will bring a car to the doors of any person in Topeka and take him or her to a depot, a department store, a theater or calling or any other place in the city limits. There will be an owl service too and at all hours of the night a car or two will be held in reserve at the Grand theater waiting for rush calls. On the special daytime calls, there must be three passengers, or its equivalent in money, fifteen cents. In night calls, there must be four passengers. One man Monday picked up \$23, which was the record for the day. He had a five passenger car. Nearly every car made money.

Plans are now being made, or rather talked of, for the purchase of twenty new automobiles, the building of way stations, the printing of a schedule and making Topeka have a complete and established jitney service as any city in the country.

But Mr. Wells is authority for the statement that the jitney business will become a permanent institution in Topeka. "The more cars the better," he says.

## WIN PARTY FIGHT